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To Lieut. (jg)  
Harold J. Beatty,  
From All Hands,  
Congratulations!

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## Captain Foss, Marine Ace, To Visit Here

Captain Joseph J. Foss, USMC, one of America's greatest heroes of the current war who is credited with 26 Jap planes plus 12 additional "smokers," is scheduled to appear here, June 1, on his nation-wide tour in the interest of Naval aviation.

Operating from Henderson Field on Guadalcanal, Captain Foss fought throughout the Solomons for three months before returning to the United States for a rest. Of the 26 planes destroyed during this period, 21 were shot down in a six-week period, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He recently received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

During the same six weeks, the squadron of which Captain Foss was executive officer accounted for 110 of the enemy's air fighters. His record of 26 planes duplicated the mark of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, who bagged that number in World War I.

Captain Foss first set down the wheels of his Grumman Wildcat on Guadalcanal on October 9, 1942. Four days later he made his first kill and kept up a steady toll of enemy planes since that time.

Not all of his opponents were victims. On November 7 Captain Foss was shot down at sea and after a miraculous escape from drowning he was rescued the next day from a small island in the Solomons area. Little more than a week later Captain Foss suffered a severe setback. A mosquito did what the entire Nipponese air

(See FOSS, page 4)

## Kirchner Will Be Ninth's Commander

Lieut. G. F. Kirchner, head coach of soccer since activities began here, this week was transferred to the military department and given temporary duty with the Third.

He is scheduled to be commander of the Ninth when that battalion arrives June 3. Lieut. M. A. Topper is the new head soccer coach.

Lieut. M. B. Cox, the Third's commander, will be transferred to duty in the Ship's Service Store after his battalion is graduated, May 29.



A LIFE-SAVER GETS A HAND  
Beatty, Haggart, Benson and Hollencamp

## 'Broken Striper' Comes Aboard After Combat Duty in Pacific

FIRST "broken striper" to come aboard is Warrant Pharmacist Henry R. Harpe, USN, whose three bronze stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign bar ribbon denote action in the Marshall-Gilbert island raids, the Wake-Marcous island raids and the Battle of Midway.

On December 1, 1941, Harpe left the United States on the tanker Neches to rejoin the carrier Enterprise at Pearl Harbor after completing his leave. Two days out of Pearl Harbor, on December 7, the Neches received word of the attack. Remaining on the Neches, Harpe was included in the task force sent to reinforce the Marines on Wake island but when the force was some 200 miles from the island the news came that the Japs had taken that position.

The trip back to Pearl Harbor was ordered at 18 knots and since the Neches could do only 12 knots, Harpe's ship was left behind but no enemy forces hampered the voyage and at Pearl Harbor he went back to his regular billet on the Enterprise.

Then came the attacks on the

Marshall, Gilbert, Wake and Marcous islands, following which Harpe was attached to an air patrol squadron and participated in the Battle of Midway. Sent home in July, Harpe was stationed first at Moffett Field and then at Morro Bay.

In addition to his Asiatic-Pacific bar ribbon, Harpe wears the American Defense Service medal with one star denoting sea duty; American Area Campaign medal and the Good Conduct medal. He lives in Tampa, Fla., and has been in the service for seven years, nine months. As a warrant officer, the next rank below an ensign, Harpe rates the salute from cadets and enlisted men.

### ADMIRAL'S INSPECTION

Vice Admiral John W. Green-slade, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, will make an inspection of the School Monday at 1500.

### TALK ON AEROLOGY

Lieut. Comdr. Harry R. Carson, USN, who has spent eight months in the Pacific combat area including five months on Guadalcanal as aerological officer, is scheduled to speak on "Combat Aerology" here June 1.

### A SUNDAY MOVIE

The movie, "Twin Beds," will be shown tomorrow at 1400 for the Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Officers, Ship's Company and guests in addition to the regular showings today.

Officers, Ship's Company and guests may attend the 1600 and 2115 showings today.

Chaplain Hamilton will deliver commencement addresses at the Douglas School, June 2, and at the Carmel Valley school, June 3.

## Navy's Life Saving Medal To Lt. Beatty

On the recommendation of Captain Steele, the Navy and Marine Corps medal award has been given Lieut. (jg) Harold J. Beatty, commander of the Fourth, for "extremely courageous conduct in effecting the rescue of a young man from drowning" at the Carmel beach, February 14.

The handsome scroll, containing the citation signed by Frank Knox, for the President, and the ribbon bar of the Navy and Marine Corps medal were received here Thursday.

Lieut. Beatty rescued Bob Williams, 16, of Salinas, after the youth had been carried out approximately 300 yards from shore by a strong rip tide. Risking his own life to effect the rescue, Lieut. Beatty brought the lad back to the breaker line where both were assisted in gaining the beach. The scroll reads:

"The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL TO LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE HAROLD J. BEATTY, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE,  
(See BEATTY, page 4)

## Eighth Battalion Is the Largest To Come Aboard

The Eighth Battalion, 270 strong and the largest group to come aboard, has taken over quarters once occupied by the Second in the Lexington and fast is learning the true meanings of "Bear a hand!" and "On the double!"

In command of the Eighth is Lieut. J. T. Hill who had charge of the Second during its 12-week stay here. Hill's staff includes Lieut. (jg) G. E. Thompson as C Company commander; Lieut. (jg) W. L. France, D Company commander, and the following platoon officers: Ens. J. Y. Durcan, Ens. A. M. Brown, Ens. D. M. B. Scott, Ens. T. H. Sauer, Ens. J. H. Straiton, Ens. S. Lenich and Ens. J. O. Lewellen.

Holdover Battalion officers are Lieut. J. W. Hole and Ens. A. C. Werner.



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Commanding Officer  
LIEUT. COMDR. GEORGE D. FITZTHUGH, USNR  
Executive Officer  
LIEUT. W. D. PARTNER, USNR  
Public Relations Officer

### "INTEGRITY"

By CHAPLAIN F. R. HAMILTON

DO YOU remember Eben Holden's lines?—"I ain't afraid, shamed o' nuthin' I ever done. Dunno the way nuther; dunno if it's North or South, or East or West, but I ain't afraid."

Those lines reflect a sublime confidence and courage, even if the grammar leaves much to be desired. Their secret lay in the fact that the author didn't have any unfinished business in his past that handicapped his future; his personal integrity gave him assurance and hope for anything the future might bring.

That sort of confidence is a "must" in the equipment of any fighting man, and to acquire it should be the aim and goal of each and every man of us. If you are not ashamed, and have no cluttered debris left over from the yesterdays to take time, attention, and energy, then you are free to concentrate on today's problems and possibilities. You may not know all that you'd like to know, the way may be uncertain and precarious, but in you is a trust, a sublime assurance, like the knight of old, "My strength is as the strength of ten, because my heart is pure."

What a man is in himself, what he measures at any given moment, is the Navy's criterion. The selection officer at a training station once sent a recruit to a service school with this comment to the Chaplain, "A little low in math, but DEPENDABLE." If a fellow is loyal, trustworthy, dependable, if he can be counted on in a crisis to remain that way, he is an indispensable asset to any ship or station. That self-worth, an inherent, dependable RIGHTNESS is what we mean by INTEGRITY.

No amount of knowledge, no technical ability, no educational or professional background, no family status, however illustrious, can ever be substituted for this primary necessity in a Naval Officer—the confidence that he is clean and upright, and can be counted on in any emergency—and that because he has an essential trustworthiness—personal integrity.

## Bitine Services

0909—Fourth, Seventh and Holdover Battalions.  
0935—Catholic Service.  
0945—Eighth and Fifth Battalions.  
1030—Jewish Service.  
1010—Third and Sixth Battalions.  
1900—Christian Science Service.

Doing an excellent job as cadet electrician, stage manager and jack-of-all-trades in assisting Lieut. Tvsor with the movies, etc., is J. M. Jacobs, I-2.

## Del Monte Desert Maneuvers Begin With Opening of Range

DESERT maneuvers began this week with the opening of the range amid the smoky sand dunes aft of the School. There, fanned by a breeze off the bay, cadets are receiving instruction in the firing of the .22 rifle. First battalions to test the 21-target range were the Fifth and

Each cadet is scheduled for five days of instruction, firing a total of 200 rounds from the prone, sitting and offhand positions. Firing for record will be held on the final day of instruction.

Gunnery officer in charge of the range is Lieut. D. R. Cumming and his assistant is Lieut. (jg) C.



The "Afrika Korps" Learns Desert Maneuvers

Seventh, aiming at the "A" targets 50 sandy feet distant. MGy. Sgt. James Harris and his four Marines provide the instruction and the chant: "Fill magazines, load and lock! Ready on the right? Ready on the left? Ready on the firing line! Commence firing!"

### Fourth's Show a 'Mighty Extravaganza'

Not the Little Theater off Times Square, but the Bali Room at the bottom of Yorktown is the locale for the Fourth's "mighty extravaganza" to be presented for the interest of the officers, enlisted men and cadets, May 28.

All characters in the show are real; any similarity to actual persons, living or half-dead due to Pre-Flight, is strictly intentional. As the incidents in the show are portrayed to a stag audience only, all information received must be treated as confidential matter.

### RUGBY INSTRUCTION

Here to instruct all officers interested in rugby is Lieut. Clyde Williams from the St. Mary's Pre-Flight. The sport may soon be inserted into the Sports Program.

Said Cadet R. Beckley, G-2, to Cadet R. Thompson, G-2: "Heard the latest? The Third won't graduate until July 4th."

T.: "Says who?"

B.: Captain Steele told me the other day when we were playing golf. He said a new batt would graduate every national holiday thereafter."

T.: "At that rate we'll be in World War III before we get to primary training."

B.: Well, that's life. I knew a guy in a Pre-Flight School during the last war. He lost his identification card, stayed there for two years and finally retired under the old age law.

I. Kernan, Jr. Assisting Harris are P1. Sgt. Joseph Brown, Sgt. Edward Janis, Sgt. Harry Von Kohm and Sgt. Robert Evans.

Small bore rifle firing is the only range firing cadets will receive here. Pistol firing will be included in their primary training.

### Good Pilots Know Theory of Flight

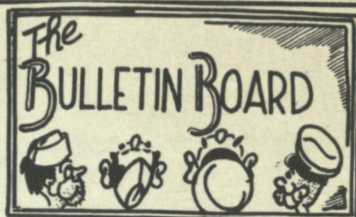
The "why" of the Principles of Flying course is explained in the following article from the NRAB, Anacostia:

"The most important thing an Aviation Cadet must learn is to fly skillfully. The only place he can learn is in the air, with the help of a competent instructor. However, knowing why the plane is airborne in flight, and what to expect under any given set of circumstances, can be absorbed to some extent on the ground.

"While it is assumed by many cadets and some pilots that such courses as theory of flight can be dispensed with in wartime, every training program (English, Canadian, etc.) that has tried to drop it from the Ground School syllabus has experienced a higher accident rate. The fact still remains, as borne out by statistical evidence, that instantaneous judgment so necessary to flying improves with the pilot's thorough understanding of the plane. He need not be a theorist, but the fundamentals of how and why an airplane flies must be part of himself."

### HARPER IN COMMAND

H. D. Harper, F-1, Tucson, Ariz., has assumed his new duties as cadet regimental commander in addition to being commander of the Third. The new cadet sub regimental commander is M. G. Bottger, G-3, Manhattan, Kas., commander of the Fourth, and the cadet regimental adjutant is the Fifth's commander, F. T. Sperl, J-3, Chicago, Ill.



### TODAY

Aboard:

1400—Enlisted Men's Softball League, Polo Field. Scribblers vs. Blister Lips; Patrols vs. Key Men. Movie—"Twin Beds" starring Joan Bennett and George Brent. 1600—Fourth, Sixth, Seventh. 1915—Third, Fifth, Company Y. 2115—Officers, Ship's Company, Guests.

Ashore:

Carmel Theater—"Immortal Sergeant" and "Behind the Eight Ball."

State Theatre—"Silver Skates" and "Nightmare."

### TOMORROW

Aboard:

1400—Movie, "Twin Beds." Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Officers, Ship's Company, Guests.

Ashore:

1400—Third Battalion Graduation Dance, Mission Ranch, Carmel.

Carmel Theatre—"Random Harvest."

State Theatre—"Double Life."

### TUESDAY

Ashore:

1845—Softball, Ship's Company vs. Coast Guard at Pacific Grove.

### THURSDAY

Aboard:

1900—"Mess Hall Blues."

### FRIDAY

Aboard:

1930—Fourth Battalion Show for Fifth, Sixth and Seventh, Bali Room.

### LONGER LIBERTY

Cadets of the Third will be given extended shore liberty tomorrow to provide more time ashore after the Battalion dance. Liberty will be from 1130 to 2100.

### ZWEIFEL AND HILL

Wilson Orville Zweifel, 24, and Clifford Calvin Hill, 22, cadets who were graduated from this Pre-Flight School with the First Battalion, were victims of a mid-air collision of their training planes two miles west of the Naval Air Station at Livermore, Tuesday. One cadet was killed when his plane crashed and burned, while the other's parachute failed to open after he had bailed out at a low altitude.

Both cadets had many friends in the regiment here who receive the news with sincere regret. The victims of the tragic collision were fine representatives of the type of cadet in the Navy's flight training program; they died in line of duty, serving their country and the Naval Service even as have those who have paid the supreme sacrifice under enemy fire in combat.

The sympathy and concern of all hands on this station go to their parents, who cannot but feel in their sorrow and loss that their sons made the supreme flight and adventure in a Service they admired and loved, and for which they gave their all.

## Warmerdam Is Attraction at Fresno Today

The formula for establishing a new world's pole vault record was discovered here this week and officials of the West Coast Relays at Fresno today are advised to try it.

In an exhibition at the Monterey high school, Ensign Warmerdam twice failed to clear what the officials told him was "only 14 feet," a mere hurdle to the man who has bettered 15 feet 35 times since April 13, 1940, when he first soared that "impossible" height. After a short rest to think it over, Warmerdam tried again and cleared with several inches to spare—and then learned the bar actually was set at 14 feet, 10 inches, the highest he has ever attained in practice.

If the Fresno officials today will hoist the bar to 16 feet and tell Warmerdam the height is "only 15 feet, 6 inches" he may top his world mark of 15 feet, 8½ inches. His best outdoor performance is 15 feet, 7¾ inches.

Also representing the Navyators in the Relays today will be Ensign Ray Allee, former San Francisco State and Olympic Club shotputter, whose 45 feet was out of the money in the Modesto meet last Saturday. Warmerdam's winning height at Modesto was 15 feet, 2½ inches.

### Enlisted Men Active In Softball Leagues

Interest in softball bounced high during the past week. A team representing the enlisted men was entered in the Pacific Grove League, and a team will be entered in an all-service elimination tournament to be held in the near future under the auspices of the Presidio of Monterey. Teams from Fort Ord, the Coast Guard, the Salinas Army Air Base and other military activities will be represented.

The enlisted men's team (as yet unnamed) lost its first game in the Pacific Grove League to Fort Ord ordnance outfit, 12 to 3.

In the enlisted men's league, the Key Men defeated the Scribblers 5-4, and the Wig Wags beat the Patrols 12-8. The Key Men hold first place in the second round of competition by virtue of winning two and losing none, the Scribblers and Wig Wags have each won one game and lost one, and the Blisterlips and Patrols have yet to enter the victory column.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



WARMERDAM AND ALLEE  
High man on the bamboo pole

### First Place Open For the Devastators

After chasing the recently graduated Kingfishers for more than a month, the Devastators now have the opportunity to take over the top rung of the Sports Program standings. At the end of competition last week, the Devastators remained in second place, 2½ points behind the Kingfishers after outscoring the leaders, 45 to 35, for the second consecutive week.

The Vindicators, displaced as leaders by the Kingfishers, May 1, ranked a trailing third, 47½ points behind the Devastators as of May 15.

The fourth place Skyrockets have yet to win a boxing meet but they have what Head Coach Nemir describes as the "best boxer I've seen at this school"—F. D. Ronkovich, F-3, Tooele, Utah.

A clever, powerful fighter, Cadet

### NEW SWIM EVENT

A new event in swimming competition is the 5-man 80-yard life buoy relay and the record, established by the Helldivers, is 1:17. The men making the mark were W. E. Taylor, I-1, Glen Ellen, Calif.; E. M. Gertz, I-2, Berkeley, Calif.; W. J. Southwell, I-1, San Diego, Calif.; K. C. Guedel, I-2, Dover, O.; and D. M. Graves, I-2, Apco, O.

### CLARK TO TRACK

With the departure of the holdovers of the First, Lieut. (jg) C. L. Clark has been transferred from the military department to the military track division of the athletics department.

Ronkovich was a Golden Gloves champion in his home state; starred in football and basketball in high school and is compiling a high all-around record in athletics here. The Sports Program standings:

Kingfisher 195	Mariner 137½
Devastator 192½	Coronado 130
Vindicator 155	Mustang 125
Skyrocket 152½	Buccaneer 122½
Wildcat 140	Helldiver 97½
Buffalo 140	Catalina 72½

## Navyators Meet Santa Cruz Coast Guard Tomorrow

The Navyators meet the Coast Guard at Santa Cruz tomorrow in their first game off the home lot and Lieut. Hill is hoping his batters are back on the beam after last Sunday's narrow squeak past Fort Ord.

Pfc. Vic Fisher was in top form for the soldiers and limited the Navyators to six safeties and fanned eight. Fort Ord had the tying and winning runs on the bases when the game ended.

David Terrall, S1c, started for the Navy and gave way to Ens. James McDonald with one out in the fourth after getting nicked for a pair of singles and one run. The soldiers collected eight hits and 14 went down swinging.

Cadet Bill Sanchez, J-2, Los Angeles, Calif., tagged "Wild Bill" during his stay with Sacramento in the Coast League, is scheduled to start on the mound for the Navyators. Hurling for the Coast Guard will be right-handed John Stuckey, the manager, who has won four of his team's six games. The Santa Cruz squad has lost three games.

Next Sunday the Navyators play a return game with Fort Ord at Monterey. The remainder of the schedule:

June 1, U. S. Coast Guard at Alameda; June 13, at St. Mary's Pre-Flight; June 20, Army Air Base at Salinas; June 27, Rodeo Buffet (Salinas) here; July 3, NAS (Livermore) here; July 4, Camp Roberts here; July 10, at Camp Roberts; July 11, Hendy Iron (Sunnyvale) here; July 18, U. S. Coast Guard (San Francisco) at San Mateo; July 24, U. S. Coast Guard (Alameda) here; July 25, Rodeo Buffet at Salinas; Aug. 1, St. Mary's Pre-Flight here; Aug. 8, Hendy Iron at Santa Clara.

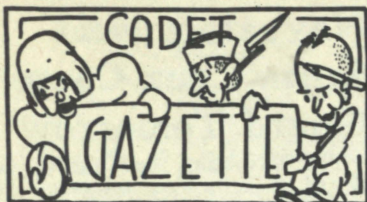
### A WEIERHAUSER MOVE

Lieut. (jg) J. A. Weierhauser has been transferred from the military track division in the athletics department to the military department.

Considerable interest has been indicated in an officers' golf tournament. Suggestions for conducting such a tournament may be given Ensign Goodspeed in the ENS office.

### Reviewing Party: Arms Stacked





**H**ATS OFF DEPT.: Being in a jolly mood (no one seems to know why), the cadets in a room on the third deck of Yorktown answered a knock on their door with, "Throw your hat in through the transome and come on in!" And (you guessed it) an offi-



Cadet Bill (About Face!) Bellmire and his E-1 crew are clamoring for the "work" detail during their last week here. The reason: a platoon average of 3.34 in the Aerology final.

The shock resulting when J-1

won the competition drill was almost too much for all hands. And when H-2 won the rifle drill there was talk of declaring a holiday for celebration. . . . Envy of the Fifth is Cadet Keenan, J-1, who actually has the braid and anchor for his cap!

**Question-of-the-week:** When the announcement was made that a practice blue alert was to be held, Cadet Hutton piped up with: "Question, Sir. Will the uniform be blue for the alert?"

Famous last words the gents of G-2 dream about: "Stand fast! Don't move! Get that hand down!" "You're looking good, men! Keep it up! You're looking good!" "Now knock off the talking or we'll double-time back!" "Congratulations, G Company! H Company, you stink!"

In a mad scramble to a photo studio, Cadet "Dead-stick" Elings, E-2, put his shoulder boards on backwards. His comment: "No one will notice the difference, will they?" (Well, will they?). . . . The merit badge for remembering to salute goes to Cadet H. Pairitz, F-2, the pride of North Chicago, who recently was put on report for rendering the Boy Scout salute.

George Winkleman, G-2, that Cardinal fan from St. Louis, has found the answer to a wrestler's prayer. He was thrown to the mat last week and was very close to being pinned, when he shyly reached his free arm around his opponent's body, patting him three times on the back. His challenger, thinking the pats were those of the coach, released his half-Nelson and crawled off. Immediately (if not sooner) "Wink" was up like a

## YORKTOWN'S STORY

In the Battle of Midway the carrier Yorktown was destroyed by enemy aircraft. Tuesday at 1300 in Powers Hall, Chaplain Hamilton will tell officers of the sinking.

## NEW LIFE JACKETS

Life jackets which help preserve the wearer's life in the water and also help to protect him from the fire hazards of battle have become part of the standard equipment for Navy men at sea. Latest developments in the design of Navy life-saving equipment include a plastic-impregnated fabric which is both flame-repellent and water-resistant.

Officers of the Military department now are permitted to wear the khaki uniform for infantry drill and rifle range.

flash, and had the surprised cadet sprawling on his back, pinning him with a Winkleman 25!

Love - In - Bloom item: Little Gerry Krueger, H-3's youngest member, has been a sad sailor lately worrying about the girl he left at home. But now he's happy and here's why: he heard via Cliff Shroeder, who got a letter from a friend, who heard from a pal, who said that he knew a girl who was engaged to Gerry. (It was the first Lit'l Gerry had heard about his engagement but he seems to like the idea.)

One - minute interview: Nat Thompson—"Gonna goldbrick out of Aerology today, Al?"

Al Nadler—"Nope, I need the sleep."

## BEATTY

for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For extremely heroic and courageous conduct in effecting the rescue of a young man from drowning at Carmel beach, Calif., Feb. 14, 1943. Upon observing that a man was struggling in the surf and rapidly being carried out to sea, Lieut. (jg) Beatty, sun bathing on the beach at the time, unhesitatingly plunged into the surf and swam out to his assistance. Fighting desperately against the huge breakers and imperiled by treacherous undertow, he finally succeeded in carrying the man in as far as the breaker line where the two of them, completely exhausted by that time, received help in reaching the beach. His gallant and heroic action which nearly cost him his own life because of shock, chill and physical collapse, resulted in the saving of the life of another."

Lieut. Beatty is a graduate of Fresno State, where he was a star athlete, and has a master's degree from the University of California. From 1937 until entering the Service in January, 1943, he served as football, basketball, track, swimming and boxing coach at Fresno State.

**FOSS**

force had been unable to do. It laid him low and he was evacuated with a bad case of malaria for a brief period of leave. He returned to Guadalcanal to get three more Japs.

Captain Foss will arrive by a Marine Corps plane and will be accompanied by Captain W. M. Martin, USMC, and First Lieutenant W. F. Watson, USMC.

## Newsreel Of The Week

